

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The tapered tubular portion 40 is formed with a tapered shape that gradually increases in diameter going axially upward from the axial upper end of the shoulder portion 38. The outer peripheral face of the tapered tubular portion 40 constitutes a tapered outer peripheral face 52 that gradually increases in diameter and opens out axially upward from the upper edge of the tubular outer peripheral surface 50 of the shoulder portion 38. A flange portion 42 integrally formed at the upper opening of the tapered tubular portion 40 is of annular plate shape having front and back surfaces that extend in the axis-perpendicular direction, with a reinforcing rib ~~rib 54~~ that projects axially upward being formed at the outer peripheral edge.